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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Tls, 6,589,327 of 1900, when the total was 3s. 1/4, as against the 2s. 7 1/2d. of 1902. This falling off, Mr. Fox explains, was entirely due to imports, which decreased over 37 per cent.; exports, on the other hand, increased just 40 per cent. As reasons for the fall in imports he gives the following:—1. The fall in exchange and consequent rise in the price of piece-goods in Hongkong. 2. The disturbed state of the province, always one of the poorest in China. 3. The failure of the opium crop in Kweichow and Yunnan, native opium being the medium of exchange with those regions. 4. Floods in the summer of 1902, which devastated the crops in the low-lying districts, especially the fields of sugar-cane in the neighbourhood of Nanning. Mr. Fox adds:—"It is an eloquent testimony to the vitality of the West River trade that in spite of this accumulation of disasters, in spite of the fact that Wuchow stands at the gate of a bankrupt province, the decrease in the import trade should not have been even greater and that the export trade should even show a marked improvement." The lowness of exchange of course stimulated exports, and the natural expansion of trade was not retarded to the same extent by the disturbed state of the country as in the case of imports, the brigands having a particular inclination for the pillage and destruction of foreign goods.

With regard to the port's prospects, Mr. Fox expresses himself hopefully. Careful enquiries, he says, go to show that its trade has by no means reached its highest point. There are still vast regions in Kweichow and Yunnan which naturally derive their supplies through the West River, where foreign goods are practically unknown. As to the proposed Pakhoi-Nanning railway, Mr. Fox thinks it highly probable that the West River route with its cheap water-carriage and its direct communication with Hongkong will be able to hold its own against the quicker but dearer overland line with its transshipment at a small coast port. In Kwangsi great riches await development. There must be a commercial future, says Mr. Fox, before a country which can produce silk, sugar, coal, timber, oils, paper, rhea-fibre, gold, tin, and antimony. But it is necessary that the officials and gentry shall cease to repel foreign capital and skill and that the native merchants shall cease to adulterate their goods for the European market.

Hongkong's share in the trade of Wuchow amounted in 1902 to no less than 93 per cent. In the tables "foreign" trade means trade with Hongkong, whereas "native" trade means principally trade with Canton and Samshui. Mr. Fox notes a general tendency, strongly marked among the well-to-do Wuchow natives, to substitute articles of foreign manufacture for native whenever the price of the former permits. Cigarettes and cigars, condensed milk, coffee, biscuits, razors, scissors, soaps, scents, enamelled teapots and basins, etc., are thus coming into general use. Mr. Fox gives some serviceable hints as to certain articles.

The increase in exports is partly due to extension of the outward transit-pass system until the consequent change from junk to the safer and faster steamer carriage. A great advance was made in the export of cattle. In 1901 523 head of cattle exported to Hongkong appeared for the first time in the Wuchow returns. In 1902 the figures increased to 7,442 head, valued at Hk. Tls. 123,380. The demands of the Philippines promise a still greater development. The provincial authorities for some reason view the new departure with disfavour, but the Kwangsi valleys afford excellent pasturage and the supply should be practically unlimited.

There are some points in Mr. Fox's report which do not read very well for Britons. One is the doubtful status of some "British" firms at Wuchow, which really consist of Hongkong or Canton Chinese trading under a British name. There are ten actually British firms, all represented by native agents; Mr. Fox adding "It is, I think, matter for regret that they do not see their way to send a young Englishman here to push their interests." Another remarkable fact is that though 93 per cent. of the total trade of Wuchow is with Hongkong, not a single steamer on the line flies the British flag. "It is to be hoped," Mr. Fox says, "that the British companies in Hongkong, who withdrew their steamers from the line two years ago, will see their way to reopen this branch before the direct carrying trade passes entirely into alien hands." A reference to the Chairman's speech at the meeting of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steam-boat Co. on Tuesday is interesting in this connection. The question, Mr. Dickson told that meeting, of taking up again the Hongkong-West River trade is under consideration. We trust that the Company will read Mr. Fox's remarks and be encouraged thereby.

The English mail of the 4th ult. was delivered in London on the 10 inst.

H.M. battleship *Albatross* arrived from the north on Tuesday evening about 10 o'clock.

Five more cases of plague, all Chinese and all fatal, were reported yesterday as having occurred during the 24 hours ended at noon.

The Hon. R. Sheehan was a passenger by the *Empress of China*, which sailed yesterday for Vancouver. He goes home for a brief holiday.

The chief engineer of the C.P.R. steamer *Empress of China*, which sailed yesterday, had a pocket-book containing money and other property, to the total value of \$504, stolen from his cabin on Tuesday.

The visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending 2nd August were 201 non-Chinese and 55 Chinese to the former and 46 non-Chinese and 1,450 Chinese to the latter institution.

The second Volunteer promenade concert of this season will take place on Saturday, 22nd inst. The orchestra under the baton of Mr. Geo. Grimble will play the overture to *Bohemian Girl* and that to *Der Freischütz*. Sullivan's "Graceland Dance" (*Henry VIII.*) and a *March* by Handel.

We are glad to see that there are signs of a resumption of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society. All members and those wishing to join are asked to attend a meeting in the City Hall on Monday, at 5 p.m. In case the Music Room is not large enough to contain the meeting, the large hall will be requisitioned.

A Peking report has it, says the *Strait Times*, that Mr. G. T. Hsu, C.M.G., the Secretary for Chinese Affairs for the Federated Malay States, will shortly proceed to China to carry out a mission entrusted to him by the F. M. S. Government to encourage Chinese immigration for the purpose of opening up an agricultural settlement in the States.

The river steamer *Kongnam*, having been thoroughly overhauled and comfortably refitted to suit the trade, was again put on the Hongkong-Canton run yesterday. She will leave Hongkong for Canton every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8 p.m. and return from Canton every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 5 p.m. Particulars as to freight or passage may be got from the Pharmacy, Hongkong, or M. J. Troux, Shamen, Canton.

The report of the Penak Public Works Department for last year says that the annual recurrent expenditure under the main heading of roads, streets, and bridges amounted to some \$467,000. In maintenance of Public Buildings \$111,000 were spent, and a sum of \$793,000 went on works and buildings, special services, the total expenditure of the department exceeding \$1,707,000. The expenditure under the head of water supply and irrigation amounted to over \$333,000.

By permission of Major Radcliffe and officers, the band of the 33rd Burma Infantry will play the following programme at the Kowloon Hotel, during dinner, this evening (weather permitting):—  
March..... "Carillon et Tambour," Rosenstein  
Selection..... "Cavalleria Rusticana," Mascagni  
Selection..... "A Country Girl," Monckton  
Song..... "For the Sake of the Past," Mattei  
Selection..... "A Chinese Honey-moon," Talbot  
Waltz..... "Follies," Fabrice  
Mazurka..... "La Comtesse," Fabrice  
March..... "God Save the King," Translauch

Mr. [Name] whose death in [Location] was reported in our [Date] issue, was born in [Location] and died at West Point. He had been in Paris, where he had been studying his art studies under Glynn, and had been successful in his etching. He was a very talented artist, especially in the [Location] and [Location] schools. He was a very talented artist, especially in the [Location] and [Location] schools. He was a very talented artist, especially in the [Location] and [Location] schools.

With regard to piracy on the Upper West River, Mr. Acting Consul Fox writes in his report on the trade of Wuchow in 1902:—"No serious cases of piracy—this term has been objected to, but it conveniently describes the robbery with violence so common on the Upper River—have been reported during the year on the Wuchow-Canton route, but on the Upper River, beyond Kueishan, the movement of [Location] has been continually impeded by [Location] brigands who infest the waterways [Location] routes. Cargo-boats are obliged to [Location] and a most unsatisfactory system of military convoy has grown up, the charges for this, often very inadequate, being borne by the [Location] people and, indirectly, by the goods."

The Russian Minister at Seoul is said to have claimed damages from the Korean Government as compensation for the destruction of the telegraph line on the Yalu River, which was pulled down by order of the Governor of Wiju. The Korean Minister for Foreign Affairs has refused the Russian claim, and says with regard to the allegation that other countries have greater privileges than Russia, that English and American concessionaires were allowed to construct their telegraph lines at the mines after obtaining the consent of the Korean Government. On the other hand, the Russians had constructed their lines without any permission from, or communication with, the Korean Government. The Korean Government must therefore absolutely refuse the claims of the Russian Minister.

Dr. Cognac, *sous-chef de Cabinet* of the Governor of French Indo-China, has been made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour.

H. R. H. Prince Yugal and Mom Chow Danaya of Siam arrived in Singapore by the German mail steamer *Kiauchow* from Genoa.

Admiral Montjoy's flagship, the *Reina Cristina*, which was sunk at Cavite by Admiral Dewey's fleet and was recently salvaged, is being dismantled and is to be used as a collier-hulk, it is said.

Messrs. Lütgens, Elmstamm & Co. inform us that they learn from Messrs. Slovoit & Co., Shanghai, by telegram, that all shares for the Anglo-German Brewery Co., Ltd., Taientan, have been subscribed for, and that the list has been closed.

The Yangtze is still very full, wrote the *N.C. Daily News* last week, and navigation is difficult, but there are no floods. The steamers from river ports report, however, that the water is beginning to fall slightly in spite of the heavy rains.

Eight Chinese, according to a Berlin telegram of the 5th ult. to the *London Daily Mail*, have arrived in that city with the object of serving in the German army. They will first be sent to Cassel to perfect themselves in German. They will be distributed among several regiments.

The Osaka branch of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, says the *Kobe Chronicle*, has obtained a contract from the Osaka Military Arsenal authorities for the transport of heavy guns and accessories for the forts at Keelung and the Pescadores. The guns have been shipped by the *Nigata Maru*.

Private Mailey, of the Sherwood Foresters, died at Tientsin recently as the result of eating poisonous food. It appears that he bought a tin of tomatoes, which must have been in a state unfit for human consumption, and was taken ill immediately afterwards, dying in a few hours.

The last German proposal for a division of interests in the Bagdad Railway was that the Germans and French should each have 40 per cent., the Turkish Government 10 per cent., and the Swiss banks 10 per cent., the latter being in reality German institutions. M. Delcassé refuses his sanction to the scheme.

A telegram from Nagasaki says that the U. S. transport *Dix* went ashore on the coast of Japan, but has been floated. From other telegrams it is learned that the *Dix* ran aground near Kasima island and remained on the rocks for an hour, when she was floated and proceeded to Uraga to dock. It is estimated that it will be forty days before repairs are completed.

The *Sin Wan Pao* says that Prince Tsai Tsien, Controller General designate of the proposed Board of Commerce, intends to inaugurate in connection with the Board a commercial gazette, but it has not been definitely settled whether it would be published in Peking or in Tientsin. A deputy has been appointed to proceed to the latter port for the purpose of studying the regulations of the *Feiyang Official Gazette*.

The *China Times* says that the Tientsin Society of Commerce arranged a loan in order to issue "cash" notes for the convenience of exchange. Several shops were selected and notes to the amount of 10,000 *tao* issued. Within a few days, however, it was found that all the notes had been bought up and withdrawn from circulation. Enquiry into the cause of this showed that there are about 500 cash-stalls in the different streets which had combined, bought up the notes and changed them into the copper tokens recently issued, in order that the cash-notes should not interfere with their small-change business. The Society of Commerce is now endeavoring to do away with street cash-changers.

Only there was published an American magazine giving particulars of a remarkable specimen of an agricultural district in one of the States by an army of worms or caterpillars. It is now said that shortly after this the caterpillars changed their state into clouds of beautiful moths, which "flitted blithely away" after having harried the district as caterpillars for four days (and apparently after dispensing with the usual pupa stage, for sake of effect). So dense were these swarms of moths that horses feared to pass them. A woman riding with her son encountered a body of them, and had to whip the horses to make them face the cloud. The moths were flying southwards.

The *N.C. Daily News* says that the four escaped convicts who broke from the Municipal Gaol, Shanghai, the other day, are reported by native rusties, bringing vegetables to sell at the market, to be divided into two parties of two each. One party is reported to be in the vicinity of a place called Chikajao to the west of Shanghai and the two convicts are said to have taken possession of an ancestral temple of one of the gentry families of the Native City, Shanghai. From this temple they sally out in the day time to beg for food from the farmers near by, who pulled pity on their famished appearance willingly furnish the men with rice and vegetables and sometimes even eggs and wheat flour. The other party of two convicts are stated to be roving in the villages to the south-west of Woonung. These fugitives it is said are accompanied by a native who speaks some English and interprets for them when asking for food from the villagers. Mild words are first used by them to procure what they want from the farmers, but if the latter show any reluctance there have been instances when drawing their knives and bludgeons the convicts have attacked the villagers and robbed them of their all.

M. Boissans, the new French Minister at Bangkok, was interviewed at Ssignon about three weeks ago. He would not let out anything further than assurances that the coming treaty with Siam will give France greater rights and privileges than the treaty which was wrecked because it did not go far enough in that direction!

An important work of some magnitude is about to be undertaken by the P. W. D. in Pahang, says the *Singapore Free Press*. It is the construction of a canal on the coast with the object of connecting the port of Kauntan with the Pahang river. Experience during recent years has shown that Kauntan is a safe port for vessels to enter even during the north-east monsoon.

The *Nagasaki Press* of the 25th ult. says that a large elephant belonging to the Nippon Charine now giving performances at Tokyo, fell over a bluff about 20 feet in height while being taken to Oshin, and died. Some persons made an offer to purchase the carcass for seven hundred yen, but the sentimental owner, who has made a handsome profit out of the deceased, would not consent to sell it and decided instead to give it a splendid funeral and to build a tomb in its honor at Kojukappara.

A Tongku despatch to the *China Times* dated the 21st July says:—"The signs of the occupation of foreign troops are gradually disappearing. Lately the German military have removed all the stores that they had on the ground in the Tongku Ruzh and which they commandeered from the Railway Company, adjoining Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.'s land. Then the fence and brick houses went, and now they are removing the wharf. Only one small house which they built remains, which they handed over to the Austrians, where they keep a few men."

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company, who some months ago placed a contract with the North British Locomotive Company, of Glasgow, for thirty-two heavy bogie express passenger locomotives, have now given a further order to the same but does for twenty powerful compound locomotives. The Central Railway of Mexico, one of the longest railroads in the South American continent, have also placed a contract for a number of heavy locomotives with the North British Locomotive Company. These contracts were secured by the Glasgow firm in close competition with American builders.

Shanghai has had a somewhat similar cruelty to animals case to that which occurred here lately. Last week at the Mixed Court a native was charged with cruelly ill-treating a pony by working it, attached to a brougham, whilst in an exhausted condition. An Indian P. C. said the pony fell down in an exhausted condition and was unable to move, whereupon the defendant beat it unmercifully. An Inspector said there were many cases of a similar kind. The drivers of the carriages worked the ponies from morning until night as long as faces were forthcoming. The defendant was fined \$10.

The Government of India has agreed that the appointment of a *Thathabang* or Buddhist Archbishop for Upper Burma, selected by non-Government agency, shall be recognised by Government. His ecclesiastical jurisdiction will be recognised only so far as it affects administrative as distinct from ecclesiastical matters. He will be supreme in all matters relating to the internal administration and control of the Buddhist hierarchy in Upper Burma, the discipline of the monastic order and the repression of abuses therein. Great satisfaction is expressed in Burma at the Government's decision.

The Russian Government has decided not only greatly to strengthen the fleet which it maintains in the Far East, but also to add to its force in the Black Sea. In accordance with this decision, two new battleships of 12,000 tons are to be laid down forthwith at Nikolaiyev and Sevastopol, while three new destroyers are also to be taken in hand forthwith in the Black Sea. Including the ships which are to be laid down in the Baltic at the close of the present year, this makes a total Russian programme of eight new battleships for 1903-4, a figure which hitherto has not been reached anywhere, since the largest British battleship programme of recent years was that of 1898, when seven battleships were laid down. The Russian Black Sea fleet now consists of the seven battleships *Potenkin*, *Tri Svistilitsa*, *Rostislav*, *Georgii Pobedonostets*, *Doodnash Apolloton*, *Strop*, and *Tekema*, while the *Ekaterrina*, is at present laid up, receiving new engines and boilers.

The *Kobe Chronicle* says of the late Mr. David Jackson, Yokohama manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, who died of an aneurism of the heart on the 27th ult.:—"Mr. Jackson was in the prime of life, being only about fifty years of age. His career in the East dates from 1878. He commenced, as most of the employees do, in the London office of the Bank. Thence he was removed to Shanghai, and served there for many years. Mr. Jackson was afterwards appointed agent at Hankow, and later in a similar capacity at Bombay, where he stayed for several years. After a brief furlough at home Mr. Jackson came, about 1889, we believe, to Yokohama, where he has since been the Bank's manager for Japan. Only a short time ago, Mr. Jackson was honoured by the Emperor with the insignia of the Fourth Class of the Imperial Japanese Order of the Rising Sun in recognition of his services in connection with the flotation of the last Japanese loan in London. The deceased gentleman leaves a widow, but had no children. Mr. Jackson was a brother of Sir Thomas Jackson, whose successful career in connection with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank is so well known."

A medical man has found that the average size of waist of one hundred selected Filipino women was 22 inches. The average neck-measurement was 12 1/2 inches.

At the expiration of the present summer, it is stated, the mails now conveyed between Brindisi and Port Said will be diverted to Alexandria, thus saving about nine hours in the transit of mails to the East.

The *China Times* states that the Manchurian and Siberian railways are to be opened this month for direct goods traffic between Dalny and European Russia, and the railway round the southern end of Lake Baikal is to be opened to traffic next year.

A correspondent sends us the following list of the names of the Sultan of Joho's wives:—Scent-of-Lilies, Heart's-Desire, Honey-of-Life, Dan-ing-Saunam, Blush-of-Morning, Oasia-in-the-Desert, Moon-up-on-the-Waters, Song-of-Nightingales, Whisper-of-the-West-Wind, and Rose-in-Bloom.

Music possesses other capabilities than the soothing of savage breasts; it can also paralyze them, according to the New York correspondent of the *London Daily Mail*, who cables to his journal:—"The recent heavy rains, followed by hot weather, have caused a plague of mosquitoes in the New York suburban districts. Householders, driven frantic by the bites, are obliged to fix wire screens to their windows to keep out the pests. A scientific committee which is investigating the subject has just discovered that certain musical notes due to a great number of vibrations will cause mosquitoes to experience sudden and complete paralysis and to die immediately. The employment of a powerful steam whistle is suggested."

The Simla correspondent of the *London Daily Mail* writes:—"A story comes from Burma of a six-year-old Burmese boy in the Pegu district who is believed by the simple villagers around him to be the reincarnation of the late Mr. A. H. Tucker, district superintendent of police, who was killed by dacoits in 1894. The child has been taken to various places where Mr. Tucker was stationed, and the Burmese declare that he remembers all the incidents of his previous existence. At the place of the murder he trembled and gave particulars of the deed, they say, and nothing will persuade them that the spirit of the late Mr. Tucker has not returned to earth in the shape of the boy. Such reincarnation is generally believed in Burma, and numerous alleged examples of it are on record. The reincarnated ones are called *win-zas*."

The counter-claims in the Alaskan boundary matter between Britain and the United States have been exchanged within the time limit. The counter testimony of the United States was delivered on the 3rd ult. to the British *Charge* of the Embassy at Newport, and at almost the same moment in London the British counter-claim was handed to the U.S. Embassy, so that each side is now ready for the next step, namely, the preparation and submission of the arguments which are to be laid before the Commission in London on the 3rd September. The British Government, after a careful examination of the American case submitted two months ago, had expressed a desire to see the originals of the many excellent charts and maps which are the main reliance of the American agents. They include maps that never before have been mentioned in connection with the case, which the State Department has spent much time and money in securing from the most out-of-the-way places. The U.S. Government has acceded to the request.

The *Strait Times* publishes the following remarkable letter:—"Straits Times Editor: Dear Sir,—It is with much angry feeling that I was reading in yesterday's journal a letter re S. V. C. By what reason Mr. Seathes was calling us, i.e. S. V. I., as 'beastly'? It is causing much *infra dig* between us S. V. I. We are citizen soldiers of the most glorious Empire and although lowly position was willing to volunteer as S. V. A. and S. V. R. They are white face and black inside. S. V. I. is *vice versa*. Also on parade we are most stupendous owing to 'slouch hat' which was giving Colonial appearance. In office hours S. V. A. and S. V. R. is our 'boss' but in drilling we was all brother-in-arm like paradoxical of 'Siamese twins' we are, apocryphally, only more so. Another trouble, Sir, was racial of Chinese *taka* was join S. V. I. Chinese is heathen like *taka* ayer and as Eurasian was feeling *infra dig* for these coolies to join S. V. I. Fig-tails (they calling queues) was rightly for splendour of Volunteer and is disgrace to Eurasian.—I am, Sir, Your most obedient servant, etc., etc. A. S. V. I."

## THE CASE OF INSPECTOR McEWEEN.

On enquiry at the Central Market yesterday one of our representatives learned that Inspector Robert McEween had not been re-instated in his old post or in any other capacity. It is now a fortnight since the Inspector was acquitted by an unanimous vote of the jury who tried him on charges of bribery.

## AQUATIC SPORTS AT THE V.R.C.

Mr. Frank White, Hon. Secretary of the Victoria Recreation Club, informs us that aquatic sports will be held in the Club enclosure on the 15th, 16th, and 17th September. Among the events will be the Half-mile Championship and 200 Yards Championship of the Colony, 100 Yards Championship of the Club, Two Lengths Handicap, Four Lengths Handicap, a Ladies' Nomination Race and a polo match.

## The Daily Press.

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LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

HONGKONG, 6th August, 1902.

THE report on the trade of Wuchow, for 1902 is written by Mr. Acting Consul H. H. Fox, who has made some changes from previous reports, giving the values in Haikwan taels, not in sterling, as well as omitting the usual tables of imports and exports, showing quantities and sterling values in the year under review and the year preceding, and giving comparative tables of imports and exports with quantities only, extending over the five years the port has been open to trade. The figures refer only to trade in foreign bottoms. The port's gross trade amounted in value to Hk. Tls. 6,601,368, made up as follows:—Foreign imports, Hk. Tls. 3,353,005; native imports, Hk. Tls. 162,202; native exports, Hk. Tls. 3,086,661. The figures show a falling off from those of 1901, when the total was Hk. Tls. 7,496,243 and are only slightly larger than the Hk.



## TELEGRAMS.

## REUTER'S SERVICE.

## DISASTER AT A CRICKET MATCH.

LONDON, 2nd August.  
During the progress of a cricket match at Perth, a stand on which 1,500 spectators were assembled suddenly collapsed, resulting in terrible scenes. One person was killed and 150 injured, of whom 50 were conveyed to hospital.

## LATER.

No one was killed by the collapse of the stand at Perth, and only fourteen of the injured are detained in hospital.

## THEIR MAJESTIES' RETURN.

LONDON, 2nd August.

Their Majesties King Edward and Queen Alexandra have arrived at Cowes.

## THE SUGAR CONVENTION.

LONDON, 2nd August.

This Majesty the Austrian Emperor will issue on Tuesday next an Imperial ordinance abrogating Sugar legislation conflicting with the Brussels Convention.

## DONATION TO DUBLIN HOSPITALS.

LONDON, 3rd August.

Lord Iveagh has given the King £50,000 for distribution among the Dublin hospitals.

## THE ROYAL VISIT TO IRELAND.

LONDON, 3rd August.

The King in an address to the Irish people says he is deeply touched by the kindness and goodwill of the people shown to the Queen and himself, which exceeded his expectations; he would now eagerly await the fulfilment of the hope of a brighter day dawning for Ireland; this hope depends for its development on self-reliance, co-operation, increase of mutual toleration, and earnest prayers and means that the national wellbeing will multiply from year to year.

Copies of the King's address will be posted in every town and village in Ireland.

## THE ELECTION OF THE NEW POPE.

LONDON, 3rd August.

The result of the Conclave is indecisive. An attempt was discovered to communicate between a neighbouring house by means of flashes from a mirror. Father Herrera, who fell ill on entering the Conclave, is reported to be dying.

[Cardinal Herrera is Archbishop of Compostela, Spain, and is 68 years old.—Ed. D.P.]

## AUSTRALIA AND COLOURED LABOUR—STULTIFICATION.

LONDON, 3rd August.

Sir Edmund Barton, in reply to an influential deputation urging the repeal of the coloured labour prohibition, said that it was useless to ask for a repeal until the prohibition had been tried, and that he preferred even foreign white to coloured labour.

## THE POLLARD COMPANY.

Mr. Alec Middleton, business manager of Pollard's English Comedy Company, was able to announce yesterday the arrangements for the opening nights of the season. Next Monday night an appropriate beginning will be made with the rollicking farce *Tom, Dick and Harry*, which will also be repeated the following night. On Wednesday there will be a change of programme, the successful comedy *My Soldier Boy* being put on for two nights. On Friday and Saturday another piece will hold the boards. During the second week of the season also there will be a change of bill every second night, so that short runs and variety will be a feature of the Company's visit to Hongkong.

## SHIPBUILDING AT MANILA.

The largest vessel ever built in the Philippine Islands was launched on the 27th ult. from the yards of the San Nicholas Iron Works into the Pasig River before a large concourse of people, among whom were Governor Taft and the members of the Philippine Commission who are at present in Manila. The name of the new vessel is *J. Rodriguez*, the same being the name of the builder who bears the distinction of being the pioneer shipbuilder of the Philippine Islands. Miss Helen Taft, the 12-years-old daughter of the Governor, broke the bottle over the bow and christened the vessel. She did this very gracefully and was loudly applauded by those present. The new vessel is a steamer of 740 tons burden. She was constructed in the main by Filipino labour. She is a twin-screw vessel having all the up-to-date improvements, including electric lights. She will engage in the coastwise trade.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—The barometer has risen over Japan and China, fallen slightly over Luzon and the Loochoos.

Pressure is high over S. Japan and near normal along the China coast. In the Pacific between Luzon and the Loochoos, pressure is probably low, and a depression may be forming to the NE. of Luzon.

Moderate E. and NE. winds in the Formosa Channel and off the coast of China, moderate S.W. monsoon over the middle part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—Light or moderate E. winds; fair to showery.

## BUILDINGS ON THE PRAJA RECLAMATION.

MESSRS. A. S. WATSON & CO.

There are a few better sites on the Praja Reclamation than the one formed by the converging Chater and Des Vaux Roads at their junction near the Hongkong Hotel. It is a commanding position, in the heart of the business portion of the town, close to the site of the new Post Office and with frontages to two of the widest and most important roadways.

The site has been secured by the Land Investment and Agency Co. who are erecting business premises, now rapidly nearing completion, to be leased to Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co. It is a triangular block, isolated, with Chater and Des Vaux Roads on the principal sides and a private lane on the third side or base of the triangle.

In the middle of each of the roadway frontages is a principal entrance, leading by a short arched corridor into a central hall containing the staircase and elevator which serve the whole of building above the ground level. The apex of the triangle on the ground floor and a similar space on the second floor are being reserved by Messrs. Watson & Co. for their own use. Their ground floor portion will consist of three shops which will be used as General Store, Dispensing Department, and Wine and Spirit Department, connected up with the other by swing doors. The remaining portion of the ground floor consists of two shops. The first, 54 feet long and 35 ft. wide, fronting Chater Road, is let to Messrs. Gump & Co.; the second, 82 feet long and 35 feet wide, fronting Des Vaux Road, to Messrs. Powell and Co., who will occupy also the corresponding rooms on the floor above as show-rooms and work-shops. A special entrance and staircase has been arranged for their own use.

Between the shops and facing the back lane are the servants' quarters, eleven stories in height, with their own staircase.

The first, second and third floors will be used for the most part as offices, and amongst those who have already secured accommodation may be mentioned—Messrs. Evers and Harston, Drs. Stedman, Rennie and Harston, Drs. Jordan, Gibson and Swan, China Mutual Life Insurance Co., Ltd., Messrs. Palmer and Turner, Linstead and Davis, North China Insurance Co., Ltd., Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., and Hongkong High-level Tramways Co., Ltd. The 4th floor has been entirely reserved for the Hongkong branch of the Young Men's Christian Association.

In the centre of the building on each floor are lavatories of ample accommodation, fitted with the latest pattern of sanitary goods and arranged with cross ventilation; and at the back of the building are the servants' quarters with separate staircases from the lane, well isolated for the office building and connected with it by bridges across the open areas.

The building internally is fitted up in a first class manner, materials and workmanship of the best quality being used throughout. The ground floor shops are especially lofty and well lighted by the large circular leadwood and plate-glass windows. The ceilings are of teakwood with moulded cornices dividing them into bays, each of which is ribbed and paneled. The floors are of encaustic tiles laid on concrete.

The offices are high and spacious, and arranged for the most part to allow of dividing walls being recovered without structurally affecting the building should two or more offices require to be thrown into one.

The verandahs and lavatories have floors of concrete paved with encaustic tiles and the lavatory walls are covered with a dale of white glazed tiles.

The building has verandahs over the footpaths on the principal fronts. The facades are treated in the style of the English Renaissance. The lower portion is of granite with massive arches of wide span, the entrances being masked by narrower bays and projecting cornices and balconies; the three next floors have a combination of the Doric and Corinthian orders completed by the arched openings and principal cornice above the third floor. The top floor is treated as an attic, its small arches of light and graceful outline balanced by the simple lines of the crowning gables. A special feature is made of the circular corner which is carried up to a height of 135 feet above the pavement.

Finishing in a balcony and colonnade surmounted by a dome and flagstaff, seen for the length of Des Vaux Road and visible from the harbour.

The building has been designed by and carried out under the superintendence of Messrs. Palmer and Turner, architects. It should form when completed a pleasing addition to the architecture of the Colony, and provide Messrs. Watson & Co. with suitable and commodious premises on the most modern lines and with all up-to-date requirements.

## U.S. NAVAL GUNNERY.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

Chefoo, 27th July.

The United States flagship *Wisconsin* has just returned from three days' target-practice at sea. Her wonderful record is as follows: twenty-three hits, out of thirty-one shots. Target, twenty by seventeen feet in size; speed of ship, twelve knots per hour; distance from target, two thousand yards. This beats the world's record of large guns for all Navies; no ship in the British Navy, the former champion of the world, made such shots with guns of thirteen-inch calibre. This was accomplished while the ship was speeding along at twelve knots per hour, and in less time than half an hour, with guns the diameter of whose bore is the enormous size of thirteen inches. These facts impress the gunnery expert as more than marvellous. It was simply paralyzing to all who saw it.

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## NOTES FROM THE BOTANIC GARDENS.

Many of the Ixoras are showy plants when in flower. At the present moment a bush of a variety of *Ixora coccinea* with its orange-scarlet flowers makes a very pleasing sight on the lawn near the entrance to the No. 1 house. This particular plant was nearly killed by the frost of January, 1893, but it has now lost all trace of the damage then done. The flowers are freely produced in cymes or, in common parlance, trusses at the ends of the branches. Ixoras belong to the same family as the Coffee and Cinchona and the species under notice is a native of India and Ceylon where it ascends to a height of 2,000 ft.

The perfume known as *Ilang-Ilang* is, we have no doubt, familiar to most ladies. This scent is distilled from the flowers of *Cananga odorata*, an Annonaceous plant, specimens of which are now in flower in both the old and new gardens. The flowers, which are greenish-yellow, are not very conspicuous as they differ only slightly in colour from the leaves. They are produced in great numbers and although their presence may be detected at great distances by their scent they can be readily seen only in close quarters. The *Ilang-Ilang* is largely cultivated in India and many other tropical countries. One tree stands in the new garden just inside the central gate, Albany Road, and another at the top of the big steps at the north-east entrance in the old garden.

There are not many Madagascar plants in the gardens but there is one which may well be grown by anyone who is fond of flowering shrubs. This is *Cryptolepis Madagascariensis* with purple flowers which are borne very abundantly throughout the summer months. There are several plants dotted about on the lawns in the old garden and at the present time they look well.

The rainfall for the year up to the end of July amounted to 56.6 inches and for the month of July 11.47 inches.

## POLICE COURT.

Wednesday, 5th August.

BEFORE MR. T. SKEGOMBE SMITH (POLICE MAGISTRATE).

**TICKET-OF-LEAVE MAN.**  
Released on ticket-of-leave thirteen months before the expiry of a sentence of five years passed upon him at the Criminal Sessions in 1899, a Chinese ex-convict was on Tuesday sentenced to six months imprisonment with hard labour for attempted felony at 354 Des Vaux Road, and to another term of six months for resisting and assaulting the Chinese constable who arrested him; the first and last weeks of the sentence are to be spent in solitary confinement.

Chief Detective Inspector Hanson yesterday prosecuted the defendant for violating the terms of his ticket-of-leave, and his Worship sent him back to prison to complete the remaining portion of his original sentence after the other two sentences have expired.

**BAD CHARACTER.**  
At four o'clock yesterday morning a constable noticed a Chinaman loitering in a suspicious manner at the door of a shop at 16, Connaught Road. As he was going up to accost him the suspect ran away, and just then, to the constable's surprise, a second Chinaman came out of the shop and walked straight into the officer's arms.

This man was convicted of being in the place for an unlawful purpose, and sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

**ASSAULT WITH A HAMMER.**  
The other day the German foreman of works at the building of the Jubilee Hospital, the Peak, was pretty badly assaulted by one of the natives under him, a painter. This man quarrelled with a mason because the chips from the stone the latter was dressing stuck to some paint-work which the former was expending his energies on. They had a set to, coolie-fashion, and it was whilst separating them that the foreman of works was hurt. Enraged that the painter had dared to assault him, the foreman seized a hammer and struck him twice on the breast and once on the arm. The assailant escaped at the time, but was arrested later under rather peculiar circumstances. The foreman of works has a Chinese friend, who when he heard of the affair set out in the middle of the painter, whom he knew by sight. It took her a day or so to find him, but she eventually came upon him in the street and dragged him by the queue to the Central Police Station. The defendant was convicted of assault and sentenced to three weeks' hard labour.

## HONAN.

Luoheko, Honan, 14th July.

**TROUBLE BREWING.**  
Last night's letter dated Hainan, July 6th, arrived stating that the situation was getting worse. My correspondent says: "We are very military in look at least just now; we have a guard of soldiers front and back, day and night; we blow them for the noise they make at night. The people are in a panic both here and all the country round. Soldiers have arrived from Shih-tsun, Hanchang, and some reached us from Hainan to-day, under a 'tao-tai' with cautions. Fight is begun and lives have been lost on the very spot where I bought my timber from a short time ago. The officials would like us to move away either by boat or into the city. I should rather run by boat. Our boys and engineers stay away, and one of our servants has left. Food is very dear." From the above you see the situation is getting worse. Here we have had placards on the street saying that on the 6th moon, 3rd day (26th July) the people are to destroy the foreigners and burn all the places. In large letters the placards have "Support the dynasty and exterminate the foreigners!" The officials here are on the look-out, so I trust that nothing will happen. There is a good deal of dissatisfaction amongst the poorer class and a lot of secret society men are about, so it would not take much to kindle a fire.

**OTHER SIGNS.**  
The Roman Catholics had some trouble at Pailien, in Hainan district. Some of the natives were killed, also two soldiers, and after doing that the mob went to the city and told the magistrate that he would have to become their leader or they would kill him. As he had no way out of it he agreed, but later on took gold and killed himself. The rebels number several thousand and have taken possession of the city of Pailien. Here the people are greatly excited about it, but the officials are on the alert—*Mervyn*.

## WILLIAM POWELL, LD.

The second ordinary general meeting of the above Company was held yesterday in the premises, 28, Queen's Road Central. Mr. T. H. Reid (Chairman) presided and there were also present Messrs. W. C. Drew, G. Murray Bain, W. H. Gaskell, and R. G. Heckford (manager). Mr. GASKELL having read the notice calling the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen,—As the report and statement of accounts have been in your hands for some time, with your permission we will take them as read. Your directors are pleased to be able to present such a satisfactory report on the past year's working of the Company. On turning to the accounts, you will observe that while recommending a dividend of ten per cent. for the year, we are able to make ample provision for writing off substantial sums for depreciation of stock, &c., and to carry forward to new account a sum of \$4,747.42, this sum being a little in advance of the amount carried forward from the previous year's working. I should like to say with reference to the amount your directors propose to write off stock on hand—\$7,000—that this amount is necessary in consequence of the depreciation of many articles in which we deal, owing to climatic influences, constant changes of fashions, and various other causes not immediately under our control. By making ample provision in this direction, we bring our stock on hand down to a low figure, strengthening our hands for the forthcoming winter season, and, at the same time, consolidating our largest asset. It is satisfactory to note that our net profit for the year is more than represented by our cash assets of some \$30,000. A better proof, I venture to say, cannot be had of the soundness of any trading concern. With reference to our new premises in course of construction in Des Vaux Road, we hope to be in occupation in the early part of next year. There is nothing else to which we wish to direct your attention. If any further information is required, I will be pleased to answer any questions.

There were no questions.

The CHAIRMAN moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. BAIN seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Mr. GASKELL moved the re-election as directors of Messrs. Reid and Drew.

Mr. BAIN seconded and the motion was agreed to.

Mr. BAIN moved the re-election of Mr. Gaskell as auditor.

Mr. DREW seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN stated that dividend warrants were ready and obtainable on application.

This was all the business.

## UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The seventh ordinary annual meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held at the offices of the general managers, Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Queen's Buildings, at three o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mr. E. S. Wheeler (Chairman) presided, and the others present were Messrs. T. Skinner, A. Ritchie, E. D. Auld, J. W. C. Bonnar, E. G. Barrett, E. J. Libbard, T. H. Reid, A. G. Ward, and G. R. Edwards (secretary).

The notice calling the meeting having been read.

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen,—The report and accounts have been in your hands for some time, I will, with your permission, follow the usual course and take them as read. The profits this year are the largest we have been able to show, and beyond that I do not think there is much for me to say in connection with the accounts. We have written off \$1,000 for the lunch *Gladstone* and placed \$6,000 to the reserve fund. We have done this more with the idea of the security of the Company, and placing it on a very solid foundation. The dividend is somewhat larger than we have been able to pay in the past. Perhaps the most important thing in connection with a business of this sort is the stock. The stock we have taken great care to have thoroughly verified and properly valued, and we feel it is now in the books at a figure which, in the ordinary way of business, will be more than realised, so that we feel quite confident it is standing in the books at nothing more than its real value. I do not think there is anything more to say excepting that if there are any questions anybody would like to ask I shall be pleased to answer them before moving the adoption of the report and accounts.

There were no questions, and on the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. BONNAR, who said great credit was due to the general managers for their conduct of affairs, the report and accounts as presented were adopted and passed.

The only other item of business was the election of an auditor, and on the motion of Mr. LIBBARD, seconded by Mr. REID, Mr. W. H. Potts was re-elected at a fee of \$100 per annum.

The eternal barmaid question has been raised once more in an acute and highly controversial form in Sydney by the uncompromising remark of a stipendiary magistrate of that city that "barmaids are a social scourge; a girl cannot come out of that profession with a clean mind and clean hands." This dictum will doubtless be grateful to the Glasgow reformers or exterminators. One of the arguers of the case says she cannot understand the allusion to clean hands, seeing that half her time is spent with her hands in water washing glasses.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The M.M. steamer *Calcutta*, with the next French mail, will leave Saigon on the 7th inst., at 5 a.m. for this port, and is due here on the 8th inst. p.m.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Yancooer on 5.30 p.m. on the 4th inst.

The T.K.K. steamer *Rosetta Maru* left Manila on the night of the 4th inst., and is expected here to-morrow, at daylight.

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## LATE TELEGRAMS.

[VIA SHANGHAI.]

THE KING IS IN IRELAND.

LONDON, 28th July.

The King replying to an address at Belfast, said it was his highest ambition to follow in his mother's footsteps and to make the maintenance of peace among the nations his constant aim.—N.C.D.N.

THE LABOUR PARTY.

LONDON, 28th July.

The result of the Barnard Castle election is regarded mainly as showing the strength of the Labour Party, but also as a blow at Mr. Chamberlain's new policy.—N.C.D.N.

THE PROGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, 28th July.

Lord Milner is contemplating an elaborate irrigation scheme for the Transvaal, which will begin with the damming of the Vaal River, if clear evidence can be produced that this latter will be remunerative.—N.C.D.N.

BRITAIN AND GERMANY.

Berlin, 30th July.

The English and Russian Press are simultaneously publishing statements, according to which H. M. the Kaiser and King Edward of England will meet shortly in order to come to an understanding in regard to the Bagdad railway and the future political development in East Asia. These reports are considered here to be *balloons d'essai*. A visit of King Edward to the Continent during the present year is considered rather improbable, although not impossible.—O. Lloyd.

THE WAR OFFICE.

LONDON, 31st July.

Sir Charles Dilke's meeting yesterday unanimously adopted resolutions protesting against Mr. Brodrick's proposals.—N.C.D.N.

THE WAR SCARE.

Berlin, 28th July.

All European papers now declare that the telegrams of Laffan's Bureau, coming continuously from Hongkong, according to which the outbreak of a war between Russia and Japan was imminent, are pure nonsense. The French and now even the English Press are trying to tranquillise public opinion. The United States Government is fully satisfied as to the course matters have taken and is now waiting for the official statement of the Russian Government as to the future of Manchuria.—O. Lloyd.

Paris, 28th July.

It is untrue that France will be called upon to arbitrate between Russia and Japan. Misleading information has been published with regard to these Powers.—Echo de Chine.

FRANCE'S CHOICE FOR POPE.

Berlin, 28th July.

France favours in the most open way the election of the former Secretary of State, Cardinal Rampolla, to be Pope. Germany is maintaining a neutral position in this question.—O. Lloyd.

Berlin, 30th July.

The French Press demands from the future Pope that he will confirm and enlarge the French protectorate over the Catholics in the Near and Far East.—O. Lloyd.

THE BALKANS.

Berlin, 28th July.

The powers have removed all danger, which was threatening to arise on the Balkans from fresh friction between Serbia and Bulgaria.—O. Lloyd.

[VIA MANILA.]

AFFAIRS IN COLOMBIA.

Panama, 28th July.

The unpaid troops of the Colombian Government are in revolt. They have not been paid for a long time, and are clamouring for money. The Governor of the province is a fugitive. If caught by the enraged troops he will be killed. They assert he withheld their pay. The financial crisis which has overwhelmed the country for some days is at its apex. It could not be worse. It seems likely that the United States will take a hand against the revolutionists if they attempt to molest property near the canal.

THE RELIGIOUS ORDERS IN FRANCE.

New York, 26th July.

A despatch from Paris says the religious controversies in France become more acute daily. The death of the Pope seems to have precipitated intense agitation against the several orders in France, and the newspapers are filled with numerous articles for and against the action of the Government in expelling certain religious houses. Ultimately the revolution involves the fate of the Concordat, which was the agreement between Napoleon I. and the Pope in 1801. The final separation of church and State is doubtless the desired and certain end of the trouble.

GAOL-BREAKING AT 'FRISCO.

San Francisco, 28th July.

Fourteen convicts escaped to-day from the State Prison at Folsom, California. They are still at large. The escape was the outcome of a deep-laid plot which was peculiarly successful. The convicts secured arms which were smuggled

in to them. When they made the break for liberty they were opposed by the guards. Three guards were killed by the desperate men. It is said that the Warden of the penitentiary and eight other guards were seized and are held by the convicts as hostages in their flight. The fugitives are in the mountains near Folsom. The entire police and sheriff forces of California are in pursuit, and the Governor of California has ordered the militia to aid. One company of state troops is now joining the chase. Bloodhounds are on the trail, and as the convicts made no effort to hide their tracks, they will doubtless be rounded up speedily.

ATLANTIC VAISHIP RECORD.

San Francisco, 27th July.

The *Kearsarge*, flagship of the North Atlantic Squadron, has smashed the battleship record across the Atlantic. The *Kearsarge* is one of the latest and most modern first-class battleships of the U. S. Navy. She carries thirty-eight officers and 912 men. The cost of her construction was \$2,250,000 and her engines are 11,554 horse-power. Her speed is registered at 16.83 knots an hour and her displacement is 11,550 tons.

SILVER FOR PHILIPPINES.

New York, 27th July.

The purchasing of silver by the Government for coinage into Philippine pesos and subsidiary currency has been suspended. Silver is soaring, and there seems to be a rather successful attempt to corner the market and bleed the Government.

HONOLULU AND INDEPENDENCE.

Honolulu, 29th July.

The native party of Hawaii has demanded independence.

U.S. AND TAHITI.

Washington, 30th July.

It is said that the United States is contemplating buying the Island of Tahiti from the French Government.







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Hongkong, 29th July, 1903. [1596]

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**TWO SPACIOUS GODOWNS—Nos. 95  
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Hongkong, 2nd December, 1902. [82]

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Hongkong, 25th July, 1903. [2113]

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**ONE ROOM, suitable for an Office, opposite  
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Hongkong, 28th July, 1903. [2025]

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Hongkong, 3rd July, 1903. [1046]

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Hongkong, 1st July, 1903. [1886]

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Hongkong, 30th July, 1903. [2150]

## GOLF-BALLS AND CLUBS.

Some of the ingenious young professionals in the South receive a liberal measure of enlightenment when they go North to such big competitions as the Championship. One of them informed me with awe (writes Mr. Horace Hutchinson in the *Westminster Gazette*) that "you never see one of those fellows" (meaning the seasoned competitors) "playing with a brand new ball. They use one that they tried before for a hole or two and found to be real good one." We have here not only a hint that may be very useful to all of us, according to our degree, but also an emphatic practical comment on the nature of the Haskell ball. It varies. Some are better, some are worse. Perhaps none are bad. As Thackeray said, rebuking a youth who complained of a "bal" dinner: "No dinner is bad, but some dinners are better than others." So it is with the Haskell. And it is just as well to find out the better balls, and the worse, in your matches with your own familiar friend whom you do not care more than half-a-crown whether you beat or not, rather than to wait till the great occasion to make your discoveries. *Fiat experimentum in corpore viro!*—that is to say, on the body of your poor friend with whom familiarity has bred the well-merited contempt, not on the important person of a possible champion. You cannot afford to be making experiments then. Say you take one ball in the Championship and find it carrying a little shorter than it ought to do, not holding its way bravely through the air, but inclined to duck its head and come to ground—well, it does not take long to find it out, but by the time the discovery is made you may have lost a hole or two, or a stroke or two, and you cannot afford to do that in a Championship match—at least, few people can. Harry Vardon might, but Harry Vardon is not the man to take risks that are unnecessary; nor is any other reasonable person. When you are playing a "bumble puppy" match and find that the ball you have put down is an extra good one, pick it up and pocket it, and keep it for the great occasion. Do not cast such a pearl before such a human being as your "bumble-puppy" opponent. "You cannot afford to give anything away"—that was the text of another practical sermon preached to ingenious youth from the South by the hoary wisdom of the North at the time of the late Championship; but its immediate occasion was the international match, not the Championship itself. The piece of hoary wisdom from the North was intimately acquainted with the course, but the ingenious Southern youth knew nothing of it. When the latter had the honour he noticed that the former was careful to take no club from his bag until the other's shot had been played. At one hole, however, the wise man forgot this prudence and pulled out his driver. In a moment, before he thought it possible that the youth could have perceived he club (the hole was at that kind of doubtful distance that seems to be just a little less than a full shot) he shoved it wall back in his bag and pulled out the club. But youth, although ingenious, is sharp of sight, and before the driver went home again it had been detected. The young man took his own driver, and thereupon the hoary wisdom took his driver also, and played in his own adoring manner. "What were you taking your club out of your bag for?" asked the youth as they marched along towards the hole. The wise one looked at him. It appeared to him that youth after all was less ingenious than wisdom has a right to hope. "Ah, well," he said, with a grin that amounted to an "own up," "I'm playin' for the honour o' the mid countries" (it was in the international match, remember). "I can no' afford to gie o'nythin' awa'." All this is a liberal education for ingenious youth. The clubs all the men were using—that is to say, all the great men, the Vardons, Taylors, Braids, and the like—were not of the weaver's beam, nor yet of the fishing-rod order, with which the Southern amateur is endeavouring, and in no small measure succeeding, to drive impossible distances. It is the fishing-rod, the immensely long style of club that the latter are especially affecting, and some players such as Mr. Osmond Scott, drive terrible distances with them. But he drives a formidable ball with a club of moderate length, too. There is more in the workman than in the tool. These men who were driving big distances at the Championship were using shortish clubs and not very heavy clubs, and the modern professional who certainly gives more thought to the game than the professional of the older school used to seems to be picking up the impression that the Haskell ball is better driven by a lighter club than was useful for persuading the "gutter" to move on. I do not wish to do any injustice to other kinds of rubber-stuffed balls in always speaking of the Haskell. We use the word "Haskell" as a generic name, because it was the first ball of its kind; and more solid reason for its use, that a vast majority of players use Haskell, according to my experience. At the Championship, I believe that few, but they were very few, played with Wizards. But, to return from this apologetic digression, it seems reasonable that a livelier ball should require a less weighty club to start it and probably the lighter the club the more quickly you can move it, and it looks as if the speed at which the club head is going when it meets the ball must have a very great deal to say to the speed at which the ball will leave the club, and the

length of time and space over which it will keep going. To be sure, the commonsense view seems almost always to be wrong in dealing with these subtle questions of the dynamics of a rotating ball, but we always return, nevertheless, to the secret conviction that what commonsense tells us must be worth something. The iron clubs especially the latter day professionals seem to think better used lighter for the Haskell than for the "gutter." All ideas of "standardisation," or any violent, five-syllabled measures of that kind, seem to be abandoned, by the bye. There is no question that anyone ever will play with the "gutter" again, although great many of us are sorry enough that the bounding American thing ever was introduced. It has made golf easier, and it has brought the second and the third-class players much nearer up to the first-class than they were. This is a state of things that the first-class players, being but human after all although they are first-class golfers, do not wholly appreciate, but on the other hand, it is a state that the second and third-class appreciate very highly. And there are a good many more players of the second and third-class than of the first. For my own part, to whichever of the classes I may rightly be assigned, I take the view that we play golf for pleasure, and therefore like the Haskell ball, as giving most pleasure. But this is a view, I know, that is exceptional, and, as some would say, quite obviously absurd. The first-class player naturally says that golf is a test of skill is lowered by the india-rubbery ball. If he said "strength" instead of "skill" he would, perhaps be more accurate. At Prestwick men were saying that Braid did not drive as far as he used to; he had not his old advantage over others. But is not rather the right way of putting it to say that the Haskell has brought the others nearer up to him? That, at least, is his own view of the case and probably it is the correct one. Give us all back the "gutter" balls, and take away the Haskell, and Braid will be as far in advance as ever. But I do not think the fact that others are catching Braid up in their length of drive is an evidence that the use of the Haskell lowers the standard of "skill" required. The standard of "strength" it may. But, after all, do we play golf to pass standards? It may be questioned. The paradox may even be suggested that we play golf for our amusement.

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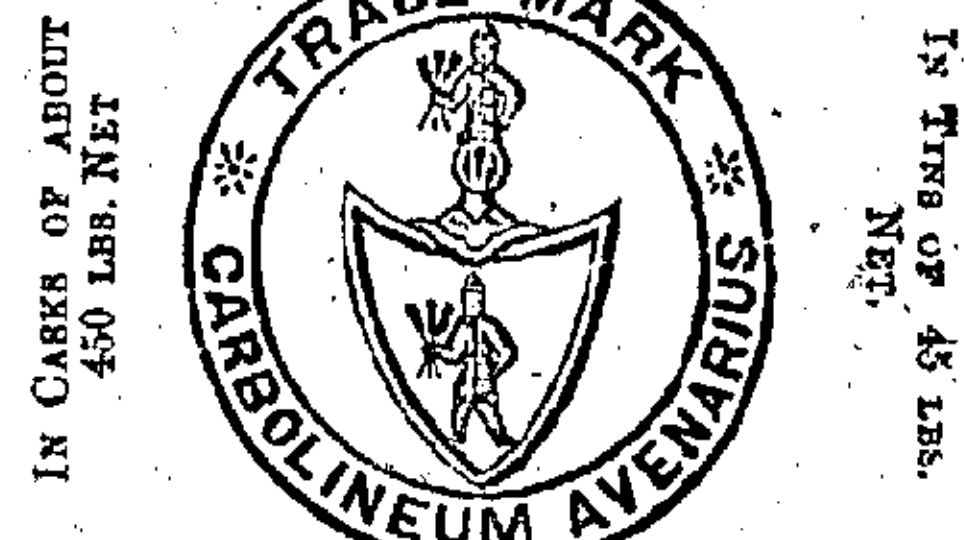
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MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"AGAMEMNON"	On 13th October.
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SEYDLITZ	WEDNESDAY 14th October
ROON	WEDNESDAY 28th October
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY 11th November
* HAMBURG	WEDNESDAY 25th November
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Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their Goods for an alongside, such Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

**DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD.**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 3rd August, 1903. [2196]

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FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship  
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This Vessel brings on Cargo:—  
From London, &c., ex B. I. S. N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s steamers.  
Optional Cargo will be loaded here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 1 P.M., To-day, the 31st inst.

Goods not cleared by the 6th August, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

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## "BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

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CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods undelivered after the 8th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 15th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 7th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
**GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 4th August, 1903. [2195]

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**F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,**  
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Hongkong, 25th July, 1903. [2117]

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**WM. SCHMIDT & CO.,**  
Hongkong, 28th November, 1902. [11]

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Hongkong, 21st March, 1903.

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